

before your search was made?

A That is my best recollection.

Q And as far as you know Mrs. Hall had remained in her home that entire time, hadn't she?

A - - - MR. SIMPSON: I object to that? How can he possibly know that?

A - - -

THE COURT: Do you know?

THE WITNESS: That I don't know.

MR. PFEIFFER: That is all.

MR. SIMPSON: That is all.

A N T H O N Y S I L Z E R, a witness produced on behalf of the state, being duly sworn according to law upon his oath testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. SIMPSON:

Q What is your occupation, Mr. Silzer?

A Prosecutor's clerk.

Q You are a stenographer attached to the prosecutor's office of Middlesex County?

A Yes.

Q Were you a stenographer on the 23rd of September 1922 when Mrs. Francis Hall, widow of Reverend Edward Hall was examined?

A Yes sir.



Q Did you take/ notes in shorthand? A I did.

Q Where are those original notes now?

A They have been destroyed.

Q And did you make this transcript of Mrs. Hall's statement? Just run through, page by page, will you,?

A Yes sir.

Q And did you accurately take down the questions and answers and accurately transcribe them?

A I did.

MR. SIMPSON: I offer that transcript in evidence.

MR. PFEIFFER: May we see it your honor?

Mr. SIMPSON: Certainly.

MR. PFEIFFER: If your honor please, the defense has no objection to this. We ask that it be inserted as part of the record.

MR. SIMPSON: Of course it will be inserted as part of the record. It is offered in evidence. Where else would it be but in the record.

MR. PFEIFFER: Will Mr. Simpson be good enough to furnish us with a copy of it?

MR. SIMPSON: No sir, get it from the stenographer.

MR. PFEIFFER: Will Mr. Silzer be good enough to furnish us a copy?



THE WITNESS: I haven't my notes.

MR. SIMPSON: I will let him make a copy of it. I ask your honor to direct your attention especially to this part in connection with another part of the examination?

MR. MC CARTER: I object to any part of its being read.

MR. SIMPSON: I want to direct your honor's attention to a specific part of the testimony we have now offered.

MR. MC CARTER: We object to inserts. ~~of~~ The testimony given by Mrs. Hall before the prosecutor should be read, it should all be read.

MR. SIMPSON: It gives a lot of testimony of what kind of fillings she had in her teeth. It has nothing to do with the inquiry now. The inquiry now is as to certain statements, assuming both of these people were dead. Both of these people were together dead, that the bodies were found, she having frequently stated she had no reason to suspect any intimacy with her husband. I want to direct your attention to these 12 lines. I am not going to stay here and pick out 12 lines. This document is all in evidence and you are sitting as a committing magistrate, and I assume, making



up your mind as you go along. I therefore desire to fix in your honor's mind this part of the testimony which we have all here where she is asked certain questions.

MR. MC CARTER: We respectfully object to it and submit that if part of that statement is read the whole statement should be read.

THE COURT: Well, of course, the whole will be read by the committing magistrate in connection with the whole testimony in the case. Counsel is just calling attention to it. If counsel were attempting to interject into the record some particular specific part of this whole record I think the objection would be good, but the whole record having been in counsel if merely calling attention of the court to one particular specific part that he wants the Court to be sure and read. It isn't like offering a part of a record in evidence and not offering the rest because the whole thing is in. It is merely calling attention to one part of the record that is in in its entirety and is not the same as offering a part and leaving the rest out.

MR. MC CARTER: We shall respectfully insist upon reading that to your honor, and your honor



doesn't have custody of that document. It hasn't even been marked.

THE COURT: I have access to everything.

MR. Mc CARTER: I don't see why our request that it might be interjected into the record - let it be copied by the stenographer into the record.

MR. SIMPSON: Why this desperate struggle and argument to keep out statements made by one of the defendants?

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MR. Mc CARTER: We want it in. You are keeping it out.

MR. SIMPSON: Let me read it.

MR. MC CARTER: Read it all.

THE COURT: This whole thing will be marked as Exhibit, whatever the number is, by the state, now, if counsel calls attention the defense has a perfect right to take the document and read it for the Court. You say you have no objection?

MR. Mc CARTER: We have no objection.

MR. SIMPSON: They have a love piece over it and knock their heads together, but/I try to call your attention to some salient points there is a tornado of suspicion then -



( The following was read into the ~~record~~ record by Mr. Simpson:

"Q. When you saw Mr. Mills the following morning you knew she had been away all night? A. As I have stated. Q. And also that your husband had? A. Yes. Q. And yet you gave no significance to these acts at all? A. Nothing but that I was - Q. The thought occurred to you that they might have been together? A. Of course. Q. And that they might have met the same fate? A. Now, that came to my mind but why I don't know.

Q. When you called up Mrs. Carpenter and told her about your apprehension did you tell her that you was afraid that Mr. Hall had been killed? A. I said I am sure he must have been - Q. You mentioned to her the fact that Mrs. Mills had been out all night? A. I think so. Q. You mentioned to her you thought Mrs. Mills had been killed? A. I had thought that way."

MR. SIMPSON: This was on the Friday before the bodies were found. That is all, I would like to ask.

MR. McCARTER: I would like to have a chance to read that?

MR. PFEIFFER: May I ask that the concluding